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St. James's, June 4.

THIS Day being the Anniversary of the King's Birth-Day, there was a very numerous and brilliant Appearance of the Nobility, Foreign Ministers, and other Persons of Distinction, to compliment His Majesty on the Occasion. At Noon the Guns in the Park and at the Tower were fired; and in the Evening there was a Ball at Court, and Bonfires, Illuminations, and other Publick Demonstrations of Joy throughout London and Westminster.

Westminster, June 6.

THIS Day His Majesty came to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, Sir Francis Molyneux, Knt. Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to,

An Act for granting to His Majesty a certain Sum of Money out of the Sinking Fund; and for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-six; and for further appropriating the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament.

An Act for raising the Sum of One Million, Five Hundred Thousand Pounds, by Way of Annuities and a Lottery, to be charged on the Sinking Fund.

An Act for repealing the several Duties upon Houses, Windows, and Lights; and for granting to His Majesty other Duties upon Houses, Windows, and Lights.

An Act for repealing certain Duties in the British Colonies and Plantations, granted by several Acts of Parliament, and also the Duties imposed by an Act made in the last Session of Parliament, upon certain East India Goods exported from Great Britain; and for granting other Duties instead thereof; and for farther encouraging, regulating, and securing, several Branches of the Trade of this Kingdom, and the British Dominions in America.

An Act for laying additional Duties on certain Spirits imported, and for prolonging the Time allowed by Law, for lodging and keeping in Warehouses, Rum and Spirits imported.

An Act for altering the Oath of Abjuration, and the Assurance; and for amending so much of an Act of the Seventh Year of her late Majesty Queen Anne, intituled, "An Act for the Improvement of the Union of the two Kingdoms," as, after the Time therein limited, requires the Delivery of certain Lists and Copies therein mentioned, to Persons indicted of High Treason, or Misprision of Treason.

An Act for indemnifying Persons who have incurred certain Penalties, inflicted by an Act, of the last Session of Parliament, for granting certain Stamp Duties, in the British Colonies and Plantations in America; and for making valid all Instruments executed or inrolled there, on unstamped Paper, Vellum, or Parchment.

An Act for opening and establishing certain Ports, in the Islands of Jamaica and Dominica, for the more free Importation and Exportation of certain Goods and Merchandizes; and for granting certain Duties, to defray the Expences of opening, maintaining, securing, and improving, such Ports; and for ascertaining the Duties to be paid upon the Importation of Goods from the said Island of Dominica, into this Kingdom; and for securing the Duties upon Goods imported from the said Island, into any other British Colony.

An Act for explaining, and amending, such Part of an Act made in the Third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, as relates to certain Duties on Wines imported; for the more easy collecting, and effectually securing, of the Stamp Duties for Copies of Court Rolls; for Relief of Persons, who have omitted to insert in Indentures, or other Writings, the full Sum agreed to be paid with Clerks, Apprentices, and other Servants; for amending such Parts of two Acts made in the last Session of Parliament, as relate to certain East-India Goods and Bugles exported to Africa; for permitting a certain Quantity of Wheat, Barley, Oats, Meal, and Flour, to be exported from Great Britain to the Isle of Man, for the Use of the Inhabitants there; for allowing the Exportation of certain Quantities of Coals, free from the Payment of the Duty granted by an Act made in the last Session of Parliament, to the Islands of Jersey, Guernsey, and Alderney; and for obviating certain Doubts, with respect to the Importation of Oats, and Oatmeal, under the Authority of an Act made in this present Session of Parliament.

An Act to continue several Laws, therein mentioned, relating to the allowing a Drawback of the Duties upon the Exportation of Copper-bars imported; to the Encouragement of the Silk Manufactures; and for taking off several Duties on Merchandize exported, and reducing other Duties; to the Premium upon Masts, Yards, and Bowsprits, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine; to the encouraging the Growth of Coffee, in His Majesty's Plantations in America; to the securing the Duties upon Foreign-made Sail-cloth, and charging Foreign-made Sails

Salts with a Duty; and for enlarging the Times limited for executing and performing ſeveral Proviſions, Powers, and Directions, in Acts of this Seſſion of Parliament.

An Act for explaining Part of an Act, made in the Second Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, relating to the Removal, for Home Conſumption, of Spirits made for Exportation; for laying an additional Duty upon the Importation of Silk, Crapes, and Tiffanies; for allowing the Exportation of a certain Quantity of Gum Senega, and Gum Arabic, to Ireland, free of Duty, for the Uſe of the Manufacturers there; for permitting the Importation into this Kingdom, from the Iſle of Man, of a certain Quantity of Bugles; and for altering certain Regulations relating to the Tonnage of Ships exporting and importing Spirits.

An Act for allowing a Bounty on the Exportation of Britiſh-made Cordage; and for diſcontinuing the Drawbacks upon Foreign Rough Hemp exported.

An Act to continue an Act, made in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, for importing Salt from Europe, into the Province of Quebec, in America, for a limited Time.

An Act for encouraging the Cultivation, and for the better Preſervation of Trees, Roots, Plants, and Shrubs.

An Act for the better Preſervation of Timber Trees, and of Woods and Underwoods; and for the further Preſervation of Roots, Shrubs, and Plants.

An Act for explaining, amending, and further enforcing the Execution of two ſeveral Acts, one made in the Twenty-ſixth Year of his late Majeſty, and the other in the Fifth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, for the Amendment and Preſervation of the Publick Highways and Turnpike Roads of this Kingdom; and for obliging Mortgagees taking Poſſeſſion of Toll-gates on Turnpike Roads, and Toll-gatherers appointed by them, to account.

An Act to explain, amend, and render more effectual, an Act made in the Fourth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, for the better regulating of Buildings, and to prevent Miſchiefs that may happen by Fire, within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, and other Places therein mentioned.

An Act to continue an Act made in the Thirty-ſecond Year of his late Majeſty King George the Second, for continuing, amending, explaining, and making more effectual, an Act made in the Nineteenth Year of his ſaid Majeſty, more effectually to prevent the Frauds and Abuſes committed in the Admeaſurement of Coals within the City and Liberty of Weſtminſter, and other Places therein mentioned.

An Act to enable the principal Officers and Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy, to carry into Execution certain Articles of Agreement, made for a Leaſe of Ground, for the Improvement of His Majeſty's Dock Yard at Plymouth.

An Act for allowing the Conveyance from the Ports of Southampton and Portſmouth, to the Port of Cowes, in the Iſle of Wight, of Goods not liable to Duty on Exportation, or prohibited to be exported, and of Sheep and Cattle, between the ſaid Ports, without Coquets being taken, or Bonds entered into, for that Purpoſe; and for extending an Act, made in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, for taking Affidavits in the Country, to be made uſe of in the Courts of King's-Bench, Common-Pleas, and Exchequer, to the Iſle of Man; and for appointing Ports and Places for ſhipping and landing Goods in the ſaid Iſland.

An Act for repairing and widening ſeveral Roads leading to the Town of Dartford in the County of Kent.

An Act for repairing and dividing the Road from Muckley Corner to Walſall, and Wedneſbury, and to Leigh Brook, and Ocker-Hill, and ſeveral other Roads in the County of Stafford.

An Act for putting the Road from Clarges Street, to Hyde Park Corner, and from the South End of Park Lane, to the North Side of Hertford Street, in the Pariſh of Saint George Hanover Square, in the County of Middleſex, now under the Direction of the Acts for repairing the Roads in the Pariſhes of Kenſington, Chelſea, Fulham, and Saint George Hanover Square, in the County of Middleſex, under the Management of the Commiſſioners, for paving, cleanſing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Places in Weſtminſter.

An Act for the better regulating and employing the Poor, and for cleanſing, lighting, and watching, the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Places, within that Part of the Pariſh of St. Andrew, Holborn, which lies above the Bars, in the County of Middleſex, and the Pariſh of St. George the Martyr, in the ſaid County.

An Act for making the River Chelmer navigable, from the Part of Maldon to the Town of Chelmsford, in the County of Eſſex.

And to Seven Private Bills.

After which His Majeſty was pleaſed to make the following moſt gracious Speech.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

IT is with the utmoſt Satisfaction, that I have obſerved the Wiſdom and Moderation which have uniformly guided you through the many important Deliberations, in which you have been engaged during the Courſe of this long and intereſting Seſſion of Parliament. I perſuade Myſelf, that the moſt ſalutary Effects muſt be the natural Reſult of Deliberations conducted upon ſuch Principles.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

I thank you for the Supplies which you have ſo chearfully given for the ſeveral Eſtabliſhments, and for the Support of Publick Credit: And you may reſt aſſured, that no Oeconomy will be wanting, to render them effectual for the Purpoſes for which they were granted.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

The preſent general Diſpoſition of all the Powers of Europe ſeems to indicate a Continuance of Peace: And it is my earneſt Deſire to preſerve the general Tranquility, by fulfilling, on My Part, all the Engagements I am under by Treaties. And on this Foundation I may reaſonably hope and expect the ſame ſtrict Performance of thoſe Engagements, which other Powers are under to My Crown.

The many Regulations which you have made for extending and promoting the Trade and Manufactures of Great Britain, and for ſettling the mutual Intercourſe of My Kingdoms and Plantations, in ſuch a Manner, as to provide for the Improvement of the Colonies, on a Plan of due Subordination to the Commercial Intereſts of the Mother Country, are the ſtrongeſt Proofs of your equitable and comprehenſive Regard to the Welfare of all My Dominions; an Object truly worthy of a Britiſh Parliament.

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It ſhall be My Endeavour, that ſuch Care be taken, as may tend to ſecure and improve the Advantages which may be expected from ſuch wiſe and ſalutary Proviſions.

I have nothing further to recommend to you, than that you will exert your beſt Endeavours in your reſpective Counties, to enforce the Execution of the Laws, and to promote good Manners and good Order among My People; whoſe true and laſting Happineſs ſhall be My conſtant Care, and upon whoſe Affections I ſhall always firmly rely.

Then the Lord Chancellor, by His Majeſty's Command, ſaid;

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

IT is His Majeſty's Royal Will and Pleaſure, That this Parliament be prorogued to Saturday the Twelfth Day of July next, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Saturday the Twelfth Day of July next.

Peterſbourg, May 9. The Empreſs's Birth-Day happening this Year to fall upon Good-Friday, it was celebrated on the Monday following with the uſual Ceremonies. At Eleven her Imperial Majeſty, attended by the Great Duke, heard Maſs at the Great Court Chapel: At Noon the Guns of the Fortreſs and of the Admiralty were fired; and the Foreign Miniſters, Great Officers of State, and Principal Perſons of Diſtinction of both Sexes, attended to pay their Congratulations upon the Occaſion. The Nobility of the two firſt Claſſes had the Honour of dining with her Majeſty. In the Evening was a numerous and brilliant Drawing Room at Court; and at Night the whole City was finely illuminated.

Aranjuez, May 19. Count de Fuentes ſets out from Madrid this Day, on his Return to his Embaſſy at Paris.

The Marquis Rinuccini, who had been ſent by the Great Duke of Tuſcany, upon his Acceſſion, to compliment this Court, had laſt Week all his Audiences of Leave, and received a fine Preſent of his Catholick Majeſty's Picture ſet in Diamonds.

Vienna, May 21. The Court goes To-morrow to Laxembourg, to continue there till the 29th, when they will return to Schonbrun, to be nearer at Hand to aſſiſt at the Proceſſions on the Fête Dieu and the following Days.

Hague, May 30. The Prince of Orange has made Choice of the Penſionary of Zealand, M. Van Citters, to be his Repreſentative in the States of that Province, in his Quality of Firſt Noble; an Employment, which has been vacant ſince the Death of M. Van Borſelen.

The Place of Grand Penſionary has been given to M. Steengracht, who was Secretary to the States. The Stadtholder was to be inſtalled To day at Fluſhing, as Marquis of, that Town and of Cæmp Vere, and will probably ſet out for Bergen-op-Zoom on Monday next.

Hague June 3. The Prince of Orange ſailed from Zealand laſt Night for Bergen-op-Zoom, where we ſuppoſe he will arrive this Day at Noon. His Serene Highneſs has enjoyed his Health perfectly well during this Journey, and ſeems much pleaſed with the Zeal which the Province has expreſſed for him, and with the honourable Reception they have given him.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, June 5, 1766.

Orders for the Court's going into Mourning on Sunday next the 8th Inſtant, for one Week, for her late Serene Highneſs Chriſtiana Charlotta Louiſa, Siſter to his moſt Serene Highneſs the Reigning Duke of Brunſwick, viz.

The Ladies to wear black Silk or Velvet, coloured Ribbons, Fans and Tippets.

The Men to wear Black full trimmed, coloured Swords and Buckles.

St. James's, May 16, 1766.

Whereas it hath been humbly repreſented to the King, That in the Night betwixt Tueſday the 29th and Wedneſday the 30th of April laſt, the Dwelling-Houſe, Barn, Stable, and Byre of William Barclay, at Invergrein, in the Pariſh of Arrochar and Shire of Dumbarton, in Scotland, were burnt to the Ground, by which Twenty two Head of Black Cattle, One Horſe, and a great Deal of Houſhold Furniture, were conſumed in the Flames, and the Lives of the ſaid William Barclay and his Family were put in the moſt imminent Danger; and that there is ſtrong Reaſon to believe, that the ſame were ſet on Fire maliciouſly and of Deſign: His Majeſty, for the better diſcovering and bringing to Juſtice the Perſon or Perſons guilty of or acceſſary to the Burning of the ſaid Houſes, is pleaſed to promiſe His moſt gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Perſon who actually ſet Fire thereto) who ſhall diſcover his, her, or their Accomplice or Accomplices therein, ſo that he, ſhe, or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof; and alſo a Reward of One Hundred Pounds, *to be paid by the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury.*

H. S. CONWAY.

And as a farther Encouragement, a Reward of Fifty Guineas *will be paid by Walter Macfarlane, of Macfarlane, Eſq; to any Perſon making ſuch Diſcovery, (except as before excepted) upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Perſons concerned therein.*

David Barclay, *of Water-lane Tower-ſtreet, for* Walter Macfarlane, *Eſq;*

Navy-Office, May 26, 1766.

The Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy give Notice, that on Friday the 25th of July next, they will be ready to treat with Perſons willing to ſupply His Majeſty's Navy with ſuch Quantity of Hemp of Britiſh Growth, as they can deliver in the preſent Year, the Years 1767, 1768, *and* 1769, *not exceeding* 500 *Tons in the whole Time, at ſuch of His Majeſty's Yards as ſhall be agreed upon at the Time of Treating. And ſuch Perſons as are inclined to treat for the ſame, are deſired to ſend their Propoſals, (ſealed up) to the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Navy, by or before the Day abovementioned; and to note on the Outſide of their Tender, "Propoſal for Hemp."*

Navy-Office, May 31, 1766.

The Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy give Notice, That on Wedneſday the 18th *of next Month, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, Commiſſioner Hughes will expoſe to Sale at the Pay Office in His Majeſty's Yard at Portſmouth, Several Lots of old Stores, conſiſting of old Canvas in Paper Stuff, old Hammacoes with Clews, decayed Beds, Hand Lanthorns and Pieces, Leather Buckets and Hoſes, old Locks and Pieces, Smiths Bellows, old caſt Iron, old Rope in Paperſtuff, Rounding, Mats, Plats, &c. decayed Lines, Twine, &c. decayed Fuſees, Bayonets, &c. Cartouch Boxes, White Ocham, Hemp Rubbiſh, decayed Shakings, and old Rope in ſhort Pieces and Paperſtuff, lying in the ſaid Yard; where any Perſons willing to be Purchaſers, may have the Liberty of viewing them at any Time in the common working Hours, till the Day of Sale.*

And as a Depoſit of 25*l. per Cent. or in that Proportion, is to be made by the Perſons who ſhall purchaſe*